

ASJP HISTORY

History of Alamo-San Juan-Pharr Table

The Pan American Round Table of Alamo-San Juan was organized in 1949 under the sponsorship of the McAllen table. In later years, Pharr was officially added to the table's name.

The organizing committee consisted of Mrs. John Morony and Mrs. Marvin Jones of Alamo and Mrs. Glen Mellenbruch of San Juan. Mrs. H.L. Gunn, director of the McAllen table, Mrs. F. L. Rawls also of the McAllen table and Mrs. F. L. Vivier, director of the Brownsville table, worked with the committee. This organizational meeting was held July 8, 1949 with Mrs. Morony acting as chairman. As a constitution was adopted and officers were elected, Mrs. J. S. Roe of Alamo was elected as the first director. The new table's mission was to foster mutual understanding, knowledge and friendship among the peoples of the western hemisphere.

The first meeting was held on September 27, 1949 at the San Juan Methodist Church with Mrs. J. S. Row of Alamo serving as the director. Mrs. W.W. Ely, state director, presented Mrs. J. S. Roe, director, with the charter for the new table. Mrs. H. L. Gunn, director of the McAllen table, gave the new table a set of flags of the Pan American Countries as a gift from the McAllen table. Our gavel was a gift from the Reynosa table. Later, on March 21, 1958, the Alamo -San Juan-Pharr sponsored the Edinburg table.

One of the means by which the table promotes knowledge is by providing scholarships to graduating seniors from the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District. These seniors have the option to enroll in a local college or university of their choice. The scholarship money is raised through pledges and other contributions during the year. Other projects such as sponsoring Spanish language classes for members of the table and sending magazines to South American Tables were also done. Some table members, under Mrs. Johnson's directorship, assisted in an English teaching educational project in Reynosa sponsored by Mr. Al Ramirez.

Exchanges of hospitality and cooperation of the valley round tables project have fostered a spirit of unity and friendship. An example of cooperation on the part of the Upper Valley Tables was the joint hosting of the state convention of the Pan American Round Table of Texas in McAllen, April 14-April 17 of 1969.

Since 1979, the Pan American Round Tables of Alamo-San Juan-Pharr, Edinburg, McAllen and Rio Grande City-Roma have hosted a Pan American Observance Day luncheon each year to which valley tables on both sides of the Rio Grande have been invited.

The Alamo-San Juan-Pharr Table also has the privilege of attending the State Conventions as well as the Alliance Conventions. This is where the members make acquaintances of many Texas Tables as well as with the members of South and Central American Tables.

Our constant aim is friendship and understanding. Through official, social and personal contact with other tables, we attempt to fulfill our motto, "ONE FOR ALL – ALL FOR ONE"-"UNA PARA TODAS –TODAS PARA UNA"

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